

1 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS**

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3 **RESOLUTION NO. R-73-09Amended**

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5 **Sponsored by Alderman Israel**

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY			
First Reading:	Public Hearing:	Fiscal Impact Note:	120 Day Rule:
12/14/09	01/11/10	01/11/10	N/A
Referred to:	Meeting Date:	Action Taken:	
			Amended at Jan 11 Mtg.

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8 **A RESOLUTION concerning**

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10 **Citizens Committee to Review Alcoholic Beverage Laws**

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12 **FOR** the purpose of establishing a citizens committee to review the City of
13 Annapolis' alcoholic beverage laws.

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15 **WHEREAS,** Annapolis is one of two municipal corporations (the other being
16 Baltimore City, which for many purposes has the status of a county)
17 that has been granted the authority by the State to regulate
18 alcoholic beverages; and

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20 **WHEREAS,** the General Assembly will soon consider a re-codification of the
21 State's alcoholic beverage laws; and

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23 **WHEREAS,** during the term of the preceding Council, there were two attempts
24 to rescind the limit on 2 a.m. licenses downtown (the result of a
25 compromise, reached in 1993, between residents of Ward 1 and
26 bar owners); and

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28 **WHEREAS,** recent increases in alcoholic beverage license fees have raised
29 questions about the fairness and rationale for such increases.

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31 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL**
32 that a Citizens Committee to Review Alcoholic Beverage Laws is hereby
33 established.

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1 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that
2 the Committee shall consist of ~~12 persons appointed by the Mayor subject to~~
3 ~~confirmation by the City Council, including representatives of residents and bar~~
4 ~~owners~~ 15 persons confirmed by the City Council. Each alderperson shall
5 appoint one member and the Mayor shall appoint seven members, including
6 representatives of bar owners and residents. The Mayor shall designate the
7 chair and shall fill any vacancies, subject to confirmation by the City Council.
8 Requisite support staff shall be provided by the Planning and Zoning
9 Department.

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11 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that
12 the Committee shall review the City's alcoholic beverage laws, including the limit
13 on 2 a.m. licenses and recent increases in alcoholic beverage license fees. The
14 Committee shall submit ~~a report to the Mayor and City Council by April 1, 2010,~~
15 ~~stipulating any recommendations for substantive changes~~ an interim report to the
16 Mayor and City Council by April 1, 2010, stipulating any recommendations for
17 substantive changes, with a final report due by July 15, 2010. Upon submission
18 of the report the Committee shall be dissolved.

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22 **ADOPTED** this 25th day of January, 2010.

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25 **ATTEST:**

THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL

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29 Regina C. Watkins-Eldrige, MMC
30 **CITY CLERK**

BY: JOSHUA J. COHEN, MAYOR